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SUBJ: VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR UAE ARMED FORCES

- 1. EMBOFFS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ASKED BY UAE ARMED FORCES (UAEAF) OFFICIALS FOR ASSISTANCE/ADVICE IN ESTABLISHING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. SPECIFICALLY UAEAF IS VERY INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING SUCH SCHOOL, INCLUDING INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDY PROGRAM, AT SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL FOR BOYS DESTINED TO BE ENLISTED PERSONNEL/NCO'S IN UAEAF. AT THIS POINT IDEA IS STILL IN GENERAL TERMS (WE EXPECT RECEIVE LETTER SETTING FORTH IDEAS IN MORE DETAIL AND WILL FORWARD TEXT WHEN RECEIVED).
- 2. AS FIRST STEP, EMBASSY ASKS THAT CU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING BETWEEN COLONEL MUHAMMAD SAID AL-BADI, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF UAEAF, AND PRESIDENT HUBBARD, UNIVERSITY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY USC MAKING PROPOSAL TO TAKE UP THIS PROJECT. COL. AL-BADI IS CURRENTLY IN US AS PARTICIPANT IN ORIENTATION/TRAINING TOUR OF US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. HE WILL BE IN LOS ANGELES FROM MAY 26 TO 28 AND ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO MEET WITH HIM BY CONTACTING LOCAL CONTROL OFFICER, LT. COL. WESTALL AT FT. MACARTHUR UNCLASSIFIED

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PHONE 972-7331. WE HAVE TOLD COL. AL-BADI THAT WE WOULD SEEK TO SET UP THIS CONTACT AND HE WELCOMED SUGGESTION. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO ADD MUCH SUBSTANCE TO NATURE OF UAEAF INTEREST, BUT IF USC REPS CAN GIVE HIM SOME IDEA OF WHAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO, THIS COULD LEAD TO INVITATION FOR UNIVERSITY TO SEND TEAM TO ABU DHABI TO DEVELOP IDEAS

FURTHER. IN SHORT WE HOPE THAT, EVEN IF MEETING IS VERY GENERAL, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COL. AL-BADI'S PRESENCE IN STATES TO PURSUE THIS MATTER BIT FURTHER.

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